agencies. The extent of the security cover is provided to them as per the standing orders on the subject.

Joint patrolling on border

4427. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSF and Bangladesh Rifles have decided to undertake coordinated-border patrolling to check the trafficking of children and women on both sides;

(b) whether any discussion in this regard have been held with the Government of Bangladesh;

(c) if so, the details of discussions; and

(d) when the proposal of joint patrolling was conceived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) BSF and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) have decided to undertake simultaneous coordinated border patrolling with an aim to prevent trans-border illegal activities which include trafficking of women and children also. Draft modalities worked out by BSF sent to BDR in June, 2003. In response, the BDR draft has been received in February, 2005. The matter was again taken up recently in DG Level Border Co-ordination Conference held in Dhaka on 12-17 April, 2005. It was suggested that both sides will depute Officers to arrive at **a** mutually acceptable joint draft.

The matter of simultaneous coordinated patrolling was first conceived during DG Level Border Coordination Conference between BSF and BDR held at Dhaka on 22-25 March, 2002.

Setting up of Central Law Enforcement Agency

4428. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for setting up of Central Law

Enforcement Agency has been referred to Law Ministry for its opinion;

(b) if so, whether the ministry has given its opinion on the need for Central Law Enforcement Agency;

(c) if so, the details of the opinion; and

(d) whether it clashes with the proposed new commission on Centre-State relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) The proposal to set up a Central Law Enforcement Agency was referred to the. Ministry of Law for their opinion. The Ministry of Law had advised to refer the proposal to the proposed new Commission on Centre-State relations. The Ministry of Law has also mentioned that the issue can be raised in the Inter-State Council for eliciting the views of the State Governments.

The Union Cabinet has approved the setting up of a new Commission on Centre-State relations and one of the Commission's Terms of Reference relates to examining the need for setting up a Central Law Enforcement Agency empowered to take up suo moto investigation of crimes having inter-state and/or international ramifications with serious implications on national security.

Package for Rehabilitation of Naxalites in Karnataka

4429. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the mounting Naxal activities in Karnataka which resulted in killing of 7 Police personnel in Tumkur district recently;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to strengthen the affected States to tackle Naxal menance by adopting Socio-Economic strategies;

(c) when will the Rs. 60 crore pacakage sought by the State Government of Karnataka be approved to rehabilitate the Naxalites in the State; and